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SUBJECT: LTDP FOLLOW-ON MACHINERY AND NATO STAFFING
IMPROVEMENTS

REF: A) STATE 121032 DTG 120012Z MAY 78
B) STATE 121036 DTG 120013Z MAY 78

1. IF AMBASSADOR DESIRES, HE IS AUTHORIZED TO GIVE
SYG ROUND ROBIN LETTER (REF B) DURING HIS DISCUSSION
WITH HIM (REF A).
2. SUGGEST STRESSING HOW SIXTH PARA IN SECDEF LETTER
SHOWS THAT US FOLLOW-THROUGH EMPHASIS IS AIMED SQUARELY
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AT GETTING NATIONS REPEAT NATIONS TO PERFORM BETTER.
STRENGTHENING CLOUT OF NATO MACHINERY IS TO FACILITATE
ITS ABILITY TO PRESS THIS OBJECTIVE. WE STRONGLY
DESIRE TO HAVE A MUTUALLY ACCEPTABLE UNDERSTANDING
ON THIS ISSUE WITH SYG PRIOR TO DPC, ALTHOUGH TIME
VERY SHORT. THIS COULD HOPEFULLY BE ACCOMPLISHED
INITIALLY BY AMBASSADOR'S VISIT AND FINALIZED DURING

SECDEF COURTESY CALL JUST PRIOR TO DPC.

3. IT IS NOT OUR DESIRE TO PREJUDGE SYG STAFFING STUDY BUT TO STRENGTHEN SYG'S HAND. CONSEQUENTLY SECDEF WILL PUSH THIS ISSUE VERY HARD WITH MINISTERS, BUT WOULD MUCH PREFER IT NOT BE CONTENTIOUS. LUNS POSITIVE SUPPORT ON THIS POSITION COULD DEFUSE THE ISSUE AND PERMIT TIME TO BE BETTER SPENT ON OTHER AREAS. HENCE WE ARE EAGER FOR LUNS ACCEPTANCE OF MUTUALLY SUPPORTIVE APPROACH ON FOLLOW-THROUGH.

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